

REVIEWS.

CASES OF SERIOUS DISEASE SAVED FROM OPERATION. †

IF any one should find Dr. Burnett's digressions from the beaten tracks not sufficiently stimulating, we commend to his notice this pamphlet of Dr. Cooper's. The experiences Dr. Cooper relates are of extreme interest in themselves, and amply prove that the stupid method of putting surgery first

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and medicine ninety-ninth, whenever it is a question of morbid growth or disease of bone, is due entirely to the crass ignorance of the medical profession as to the therapeutic powers of nature at our disposal. Dr. Cooper's results have been obtained, some with ordinary homeopathic medicines, but mainly, as he says, with "arborivital remedies." Dr. Cooper's definition of an arborivital remedy is as follows : "An arborivital remedy is one whose action can only be explained by supposing a hidden force to exist in plants that is not demonstrable to the senses, and that is independent of any special mode of preparation." In the Appendix Dr. Cooper discusses the dose question from his own point of view, and we commend his remarks to the careful consideration of our readers. We cannot say we discern any essential difference between the action of ordinary homeopathic medicines and Dr. Cooper's arborivital remedies ; but our experience of the latter is sufficient to show that Dr. Cooper has opened up a rich vein of therapeutic power. In his method of administering single doses of the matrix tinctures, and allowing each dose to work out its effect undisturbed, he is following Hahnemann's own example, and his results prove the correctness of Hahnemann's statements as to the long periods through which some remedies continue to act. Dr. Cooper's indications for the use of his remedies are for the most part known only to himself, but as his experience grows he is able to give them more definite shape. He has our best wishes for his success in the line he has struck out, and we have no doubt that his therapeutic enthusiasm will achieve still greater results than the remarkable examples recorded in this pamphlet.
